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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	John LACOMBE et al.	Confirmation No.:	9110
Serial No.:	09/870,965	Group Art Unit:	2116
Filed:	05/31/2001	Examiner:	N. C. Patel
For:	An Application-Level Software Watchdog Timer	Docket No.:	200301692-1

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION DATED MARCH 31, 2005**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of March 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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